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Prices received by Minnesota farmers for corn for August averaged \$5.90 per bushel, an increase of \$0.07 from the July price. Soybeans were down \$0.40 to an August price of \$12.40 per bushel. The all wheat price was also down, decreasing \$0.13 to an August price of \$7.40 per bushel.

The all milk price for August, at \$22.60 per cwt., was up \$0.10 from July.

The August U.S. All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 182 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 2 points (1.1 percent) from July. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.0 percent), and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (1.9 percent).

### AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity And Unit	U.S.	-----Minnesota-----		
	August 2011 1/	August 2010 2/	July 2011 2/	August 2011 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu.....	5.21	3/	4.90	3/
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt.....	42.00	31.50	39.50	43.50
Corn, bu.....	6.62	3.42	5.83	5.90
Hay, All Baled, ton .....	172.00	101.00	113.00	108.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton.....	191.00	115.00	120.00	115.00
Other, Baled, ton.....	127.00	70.00	90.00	85.00
Oats, bu .....	3.33	2.05	3.13	2.90
Potatoes, cwt.....	11.06	9.10	31.00	3/
Soybeans, bu.....	12.90	9.87	12.80	12.40
Sunflowers, All, cwt.....	33.20	16.60	30.90	33.70
Wheat, All, bu .....	7.56	5.22	7.53	7.40
Milk, All, cwt.....	22.00	16.50	22.50	22.60

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data. 3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual farms. 4/ "cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published in Jan., May., Jul., and Oct. 7/ Preliminary prices discontinued Jan. 1996.

### U.S. INDEX SUMMARY (1990-92 = 100)

Item	July 2010	August 2010	July 2011	August 2011
Prices Received .....	138	141	180	182
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates) .....	181	182	204	204
Parity Ratio 1/ .....	76	77	88	89

1/ Computed by dividing Prices Received Index by Prices Paid Index.

### U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED (1990-92 = 100)

Commodities	August 2010 1/	July 2011 1/	August 2011 2/
All Farm Products .....	141	180	182
Crops .....	151	206	208
Meat Animals .....	128	152	152
Dairy Products .....	128	168	168
Poultry & Eggs .....	151	150	160

\*Revised. 1/ Entire month data. 2/ Preliminary.

### Agricultural Research Management Survey (ARMS II)

ARMS is the USDA's primary source of information on the production practices, resource use, and economic well-being of America's farm households.

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that decisions  
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your family,  
your business,  
and your community  
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on the facts.**

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## MINNESOTA CORN, SOYBEAN, AND SUGARBEET PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

**CORN** production for Minnesota is forecast at 1.26 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the August 1 forecast and down 2 percent from last year's record production level of 1.29 billion bushels. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 165 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last month, and down 12 bushels from last year's record yield of 177 bushels per acre. Acres to be harvested for grain, at 7.65 million, are up 5 percent from last year. If realized, this harvested area will be the second largest on record behind 2007.

**SOYBEAN** production is forecast at 292 million bushels, up 3 percent from last month's forecast, but down 11 percent from last year. Soybean yield is forecast at 41 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last month's forecast, but down 4 bushels from 2010. Acres for harvest, at 7.11 million, are down 3 percent from last year.

The **SUGARBEET** crop is forecast at 9.47 million tons, down 9 percent from last month and down 19 percent from 2010. Yield is forecast at 20.5 tons per acre, down 6.1 tons per acre from last year's record yield of 26.6 tons per acre. Acres for harvest are up 5 percent from last year.

### U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn** production is forecast at 12.5 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the August forecast but up fractionally from 2010. If realized, this will be the third largest production total on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 148.1 bushels per acre, down 4.9 bushels from the August 1 forecast and down 4.7 bushels from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield in the United States since 2005.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 3.09 billion bushels, up 1 percent from August but down 7 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.8 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from last month but down 1.7 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yield forecasts are higher in the Central Great Plains and along much of the Atlantic Coast. If realized, the forecasted yield in Nebraska will be a record high. Yield forecasts are below last month across the Southern Great Plains and portions of the Southeast as hot, dry conditions persisted during August. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 73.8 million acres, unchanged from August but down 4 percent from 2010.

**Sugarbeets** production for the 2011 crop year is forecast at 29.2 million tons, down 9 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.21 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous forecast. Expected yield is forecast at 24.2 tons per acre, a decrease of 3.4 tons from last year. Much of the growing region has experienced less than ideal growing conditions. Wet weather coupled with reports of disease and hail damage resulted in reduced yields from the previous forecast in half of the reporting States. Minnesota, which accounts for 32 percent of the total United States production, is forecasting 891 thousand tons less than the previous forecast, which, if realized, will be a 19 percent drop from last year's final production.

### MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION, 2010 AND FORECASTED SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

COMMODITY	2010 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2011 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2010 YIELD	2011 YIELD	2010 PRODUCTION (000)	2011 PRODUCTION (000)
<b>MINNESOTA</b>						
CORN (Bu)	7,300	7,650	177.0	165.0	1,292,100	1,262,250
SOYBEANS (Bu)	7,310	7,110	45.0	41.0	328,950	291,510
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	441	462	26.6	20.5	11,731	9,471
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
CORN (Bu)	81,446	84,388	152.8	148.1	12,446,865	12,497,070
SOYBEANS (Bu)	76,616	73,823	43.5	41.8	3,329,341	3,085,340
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,155.7	1,207.6	27.6	24.2	31,901	29,180

## FARM COMPUTER USAGE: BY STATE AND UNITED STATES, 2007, 2009, and 2011

Farms						
State	Using Computers for Farm Business			With Internet Access		
	2007	2009	2011	2007	2009	2011
	-----Percent-----			-----Percent-----		
Iowa	42	47	52	63	62	66
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>66</b>
North Dakota	44	49	50	61	61	67
South Dakota	40	45	42	64	62	63
Wisconsin	38	41	42	58	67	67
United States 1/	35	36	37	57	59	62

1/ Excludes AK and HI.

## USE OF INTERNET BY STATE AND UNITED STATES, 2007, 2009, and 2011

Farms						
State	Purchase Agricultural Inputs Over Internet 1/			Conduct Agricultural Marketing Activities Over Internet 2/		
	2007	2009	2011	2007	2009	2011
	-----Percent-----			-----Percent-----		
Iowa	9	12	16	16	19	25
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>
North Dakota	9	12	16	10	13	16
South Dakota	7	10	11	12	18	13
Wisconsin	12	13	17	12	12	17
United States 3/	11	13	14	10	11	12

1/Agricultural inputs include seed, fertilizer, chemicals, veterinarian supplies, feed, machinery, replacement parts, farm supplies, office equipment, etc.

2/Agricultural marketing activities include direct sales of commodities, on-line crop and livestock auctions, on-line market advisory services, commodity price tracking, etc.

3/ Excludes AK and HI.

## PRIMARY METHOD OF INTERNET ACCESS 1/ BY STATE AND UNITED STATES 2007, 2009, and 2011

State	Dialup			DSL			Cable		
	2007	2009	2011	2007	2009	2011	2007	2009	2011
	-----Percent-----			-----Percent-----			-----Percent-----		
Iowa	45	19	10	30	43	36	4	5	7
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
North Dakota	35	14	4	40	55	49	8	7	13
South Dakota	38	13	9	35	45	39	3	11	9
Wisconsin	52	28	12	32	41	51	3	8	8
United States 2/	47	23	12	27	36	38	7	11	11

State	Satellite			Wireless			Other/Unknown		
	2007	2009	2011	2007	2009	2011	2007	2009	2011
	-----Percent-----			-----Percent-----			-----Percent-----		
Iowa	7	12	11	8	12	28	6	9	8
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>
North Dakota	9	11	13	6	11	16	2	2	5
South Dakota	4	9	9	14	19	29	6	3	5
Wisconsin	4	8	10	3	11	17	6	4	2
United States 2/	7	13	15	7	13	20	5	4	4

1/ Primary method of internet access for those operators who have access to the internet.

2/ Excludes AK and HI

## TURKEYS RAISED UP 2 PERCENT FROM 2010

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2011 is 248 million, up 2 percent from the number raised during 2010. The largest turkey producing state is Minnesota, at 46.5 million turkeys, which is down 1 percent from the previous year. North Carolina remains unchanged from last year, at 30.0 million. Arkansas also produced 30.0 million turkeys, which is 7 percent higher than the previous year. Missouri remained unchanged from last year, producing 18.0 million turkeys. Virginia increased the number of turkeys raised compared to the previous year by 3 percent, at 17.5 million. Indiana remained unchanged from a year ago at 16.0 million turkeys.

TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED IN 2010 AND 2011			
State	Number Raised <sup>1/</sup>		2011 as % of 2010
	2010	2011	
	--- 1,000 Head ---		Percent
AR	28,000	30,000	107
CA	15,200	15,000	99
IN	16,000	16,000	100
<b>MN</b>	<b>47,000</b>	<b>46,500</b>	<b>99</b>
MO	18,000	18,000	100
NC	30,000	30,000	100
OH	4,600	5,000	109
PA	7,400	7,900	107
SC	11,900	11,500	97
SD	4,600	4,300	93
UT	4,600	4,300	93
VA	17,000	17,500	103
WV	3,100	3,200	103
Other States <sup>2/</sup>	36,788	38,700	105
US	244,188	247,900	102

1/ Excludes young turkeys lost.

2/ Other States include State estimates not shown and States suppressed due to disclosure.

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## AUGUST MILK OUTPUT DOWN 4.5 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Totaling 716 million pounds, the state's August milk production was down 4.5 percent from August 2010.

Output per cow was 1,520 pounds in August, down 75 pounds from last August. Milk cows for August averaged 471,000 head, the same as July, but up 1,000 from last year.

August 2011 milk output in the 23 major states was 15.3 billion pounds, up 2.2 percent from August 2010. Milk cows in the 23 major states averaged 8.47 million head, up 102,000 head from the previous year. At 1,810 pounds, production per cow was 18 pounds greater than August 2010.

### JULY/AUGUST 2011 MILK PRODUCTION

State	Milk Production		Percent of Previous Year	
	July	August	July	August
	Million Lbs.		Percent	
California	3,534	3,501	103.9	102.9
Idaho	1,193	1,187	104.8	103.9
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>91.9</b>	<b>95.5</b>
New York	1,092	1,089	99.8	99.5
Pennsylvania	880	884	96.8	97.9
Wisconsin	2,174	2,206	95.9	101.2
23 States	15,400	15,330	100.5	102.2

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